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Do we have the right to know what is in our food?

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Is there a point at which we stop messing with nature?

I am not a technophobe nor anti science.
I get my flu shot every year and appreciate most of modern life.

However, GMOs (genetically modified organisms) are extremely concerning to me. Even more alarming is a current bill before Congress which would invalidate current state laws requiring the labeling of GMO products.

Depending on which side you're on, HR 1599 is called:
The Safe and Accurate Food Labeling Act of 2015 by its proponents and
The Deny Americans the Right to Know (DARK) Act by its opponents.

I found this to be a good summary
5 Things to Know About the DARK Act
(Yes, I know which side the author is on, but I believe it is an accurate summary)
civileats.com/2015/07/20/5-things-to-know-about-the-dark-act/

In addition, a new article in the New England Journal of Medicine is enlightening.
www.nejm.org/doi/full/10.1056/NEJMp1505660

I believe I am responsible for what I put in my mouth, but I need reliable information to make decisions.
Why are certain people/groups so determined to make it difficult for me?

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We all have to become more aware of what is going on in the food industry. Thanks so much for the sites. I also have been doing some research and I find it quite disturbing. It's no wonder that we have become a nation with the most obese population, and that we are suffering

from so many different kinds of cancer and other ailments. Granted some of the diseases are inherent and have always been in our history, but per capita our rates have grown much more rapidly in the last 50+years. Perhaps it's time to battle the Monsanto monopoly. It is our



responsibility to become activists to make the changes possible.
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LINDAKAY228

Good blog. I heard yesterday that beef that is grown with antibiotics and not organic actually has more bacteria in it than that which is grown naturally and without antibiotics according to a large sample of many different kinds from across the country yesterday.
2116 days ago



CD4114015

Well Said!  Agree 

2117 days ago



GINIEMIE

Why/where do Americans get their cancers from? Chemicals are at the base of my allergies. Meds, perfumes and perfumed products, certain pre-pared foods. Yes I'm allergic to mangoes and agave syrup, and a few weeds but I really have problems with chemicals which is why I try to grow some of my own fresh vegetables...getting seeds that aren't tampered with is something I'm trying to pay attention too also.

Thanks for the links, guess we should be more politically active-well me anyway.

THANK YOU!  Agree



2117 days ago



MARYJEANSL

Totally agree with you on this one. And I am so scared that all the politicians will be bought by Monsanto. :-(
2118 days ago



PRNCSCUP1-2FULL

We do have that right, should have that right!! We need to know what foods contain GMO and we need strict guidelines so that companies are not using loopholes to proclaim no-GMO if they still are! I find it so sad to hear the Hardee's commercial on TV about the All Natural Burger with no antibiotics, no this, no that and for a limited time only!!
2119 days ago



WALLAHALLA

the simple and disgusting manner is money...they don't care who they help or hurt as long as there is money to be made
2119 days ago



DJ4HEALTH

Most people don't know what it means about GMO's and think that cross pollination are the same thing but it is not. cross pollination is crossing with the same species and GMO's are putting something that nature never meant it to have. Agree that they need to stop protecting Monsanto and let the people decide if they want to eat it. I say label it all so that we know what is in our food. As for people that say there is no side affects, then I ask you this one question, "How come we are the sickest nation and we supposedly have the best health care?". Something is wrong with what we are eating and that is why most countries will not have that in their food. We should be able to say if we want that in ours too.
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DOVESEYES

I agree, governments want people to stop using so many dollars on hospital care, they should be taxing the growers/scientists not the end user who even if they really try can't find all the "additives" in their foods.
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OHSNAPITZKAT

I agree. While there is no proof to prove that GMO's are dangerous there is nothing to prove otherwise.
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PHEBESS

We're breeding all the nutrition right out of our food - scary!!!!!!
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WATERMELLEN

Yup, a right and a responsibility.



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PHOENIX1949

Well Done! Well Said!



Yes, we need to stop trying to enhance Mother Nature.

Yes, I feel we have the right to know what is going into our food supply. Profiteering using legality, not morality, is overriding so much of what is going on around us that it is mind-boggling. Mankind (humankind) sure has complicated life!

\$adly, money talk\$ and get\$ in the way of thing\$.
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ONEKIDSMOM

Well Said!



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LIVEDAILY

I Agree



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